

PRE-STUDY STAKEHOLDER RECOMMENDATIONS

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- **Sargent Blvd.** - Upgrade the intersection at Sargent Blvd to handle increases in volume while maintain public safety.
- **Chehalis River Bridge** – Add an additional lane off bridge into downtown Aberdeen to expedite traffic flow. Add free right turn without waiting on traffic signal.
- **Market Street** – Use as 4 lane roadway feeding into the truck route.
- **Emerson Avenue** – Widen Emerson Avenue to better channel traffic volumes.
- **Blue Slough Road** – Examine possible widening and realignment to allow use as an alternative truck route.
- **Hoquiam River Bridges** – Need replacement. Simpson Avenue Bridge (Hoquiam) is on historic register.
- **Truck Freight** –
 - Work on a dedicated freight system to remove some of the freight volume from downtown Aberdeen.
 - Restrict vehicular use of the freight route.
- **Rail** –
 - Relocate tracks to the south side of Wishkah Mall area to reduce vehicle congestion.
 - Construct rail yard outside of city limits to alleviate closed off access to Wishkah mall areas.
- **Parking Study** – Perform parking survey to assist downtown businesses in identifying locations and implementation strategies.
- **Intelligent Transportation Systems** – Consider the use of ITS to direct traffic to alternate routes when bridges are open or freight blocks roadways.

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Fire and Police for the Cities of Aberdeen, Cosmopolis, and Hoquiam, and Grays Harbor Sheriff Dept.

Bridges –

- Bridge openings create artificial congestion.
- Draw bridges greatly hinder ability to respond by creating significant delay or cut-offs.
- The delay caused by bridge openings impacts insurance ratings and increases bond costs.
- South Aberdeen and Cosmopolis residents are cut off from the hospital.
- During bridge openings advanced life support cannot reach South Aberdeen and Cosmopolis residents during emergencies.
- Reinforce bridges to withstand a level 7+ earthquake.
- Simpson Avenue Bridge
 - Rebuild a wider bridge. Current bridge is too narrow and built on pilings. It won't be stable in an earthquake.
 - No way to turn around and come back into town. Because of height and weight restrictions, trucks frequently need to be rerouted with reverse escorts, this stops traffic on 101 until reroute is completed.

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS - CONTINUED

Intelligent Transportation Systems -

- Programmable emergency notification signage, placed at Montesano and through out communities.
- Video enforcement and accident avoidance systems should be installed at high accident intersections.

South Aberdeen -

- Paint roadway markings in front of south Aberdeen fire station to keep traffic clear of driveway.
- Identify ways for traffic to cue during bridge openings so that emergency response vehicles can get through. Currently, traffic backs up on State Street to bowling alley and on side streets well past Curtis. This blocks in emergency vehicles.

Hoquiam –

- Intersection 101 & 109 - Restripe and resign intersection to clarify. This intersection is very confusing to drivers, especially tourists unfamiliar with the area.
- Riverside to 6th and Levee Streets. – Reconfigure the intersection. This intersection handles a high volume of traffic and is very congested. Current layout causes confusion as to which lane travelers should be in.
- Sumner Ave. & 25th Street pedestrian crossing. – This has been the scene of many close calls for pedestrians trying to cross. This is a busy cross walk used by children going back and forth between the YMCA, McDonalds, and Fairway Grocery.
- ***101 EIS Preliminary Alternative*** - A very good alternative for emergency responders.

BUSINESS & REGIONAL ECONOMY

Grays Harbor Chamber of commerce and the Grays Harbor Economic Development Council.

• ***Truck Freight –***

- Work on a dedicated freight system to remove some of the freight volume from downtown Aberdeen.
- Restrict vehicular use of the freight route.

• ***Intelligent Transportation Systems*** - Use signage to inform travelers of other routes (Market & State Streets) during peak periods. (i.e., heavy weekend traffic, clam tides)

• ***Rail –***

- Work with rail to schedule long trains and those picking up additional rail cars for off peak times.
- Construct a rail storage yard outside of Aberdeen to facilitate the linking of additional rail cars.
- Maximize opportunities to separate rail and vehicular traffic to improve safety and commerce.

• ***Bridges –***

- Identify and support alternatives that minimize the impact on traffic caused by bridge openings.
- Entering Aberdeen from bridge and turning east on Heron Street, the corner is too sharp for trucks to turn.

- ***Operational Fixes –***
 - Support operational fixes that enable the City's to design and build pedestrian friendly downtown environments.
 - Retime signals on weekends to allow for longer periods of mainline traffic.
 - The turning movement at Alder and Wishkah is too sharp.
- ***101 EIS Preliminary Alternative -***
 - Must be sensitive to needs of the retail community when considering a truck route bypass.
 - The bypass alignment will need to change to accommodate recent developments and new businesses.
 - The bypass has well placed access to local road connections, recommend keeping as much of these in tact as possible.
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- ***Parking Study –*** Perform parking study to help the business community expand their capacity and encourage even more downtown activity.